

INTIMATIONS

THEATRE ROYAL
 CITY HALL
 COMMENCING
 TO-MORROW, TUESDAY,
 THE 8TH MAY.
 and the Distinguished Patronage and in the
 Presence of
 HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.
 SIR GEORGE BOWEN, G.C.M.G.;
 AND SUITE
 THE EVENING OF THE SEASON
 THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF THE
 ASTONDON STAR MINSTRELS.
 "THE KING LAUGH MAKERS."
 26 PERFORMERS 26
 largest Organisation that has ever visited
 China.
 SING, MIRTH, MELODY.
 or Plan now open at Messrs. KELLY &
 SONS, where Seats can be secured. Sub-
 scription Tickets can be purchased containing
 8 Dress Circle Tickets for \$100.
 6 Stalls \$100.
 M. J. ABRAHAMS,
 Business Agent.
 Hongkong, 7th May, 1883. [900
 R. SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOCHOW.
 THE Steamship
 "KWANGTUNG."
 will leave for the above
 ports on WEDNESDAY, the 9th instant, at
 10 o'clock.
 or Freight or Passage, apply to
 DOUGLAS LEPRAIK & Co.
 Hongkong, 7th May, 1883. [899
 TO BE LET FURNISHED.
 The Summer Month. With Immediate
 Possession.
 THE WESTERN HOUSE OF ROSS VILLAS
 Hanham Road, Six Rooms, Garden, and
 of Tennis Lawn.
 Apply to
 LYNSTED & DAVIS.
 Hongkong, 7th May, 1883. [898
 THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
 LIMITED.
 NOTICE is hereby given that GENERAL
 MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
 will be held at the Company's Hotel at 12
 Robinson Road, on MONDAY, the 11th May
 instant, to confirm the following Special Resolu-
 tion as passed at the Extraordinary Meeting of
 Shareholders held on the 5th instant.
 That the Capital of the HONGKONG HOTEL
 COMPANY, Limited, be increased from

\$200,000 to \$300,000, by the issue of 1,000 new shares of \$100 each to be issued at par. That each of the said new shares shall be paid for by the following Calls, that is to say: The sum of \$50 shall be paid in respect of each of the said new shares on the 30th day of June, 1883, and the sum of \$50 payable in respect of each of the said new shares shall be paid at such times thereafter, and in such sums any one of which shall not exceed \$25, as the Board of Directors of the Company shall think fit.

That the said new shares be offered in the first instance to the persons who at such times, as the Board shall think expedient to the persons who shall, on the 30th day of June, 1883, be the registered holders of the said old shares, and that the proportion of one new share for every two of the said or present shares, and accepted, shall be the limiting time for that purpose, and the Board, at that any new shares, or shares, which shall have been offered in manner aforesaid and not accepted within the said limiting time, shall be disposed of by the Board, shall be disposed of, and allotted, by the Board at such times, to such persons: at

—That subject and without prejudice to any direction of the Board to the contrary made in consequence of the adoption of the said resolution; holders for the time being of the said new shares shall be entitled, as from the date of acceptance thereof within the meaning of the said resolution, to participate in the dividend for the year 1883 to the extent hereafter mentioned:

(c).—That the affairs of the Company for the year 1883 shall be investigated and a calculation of the amount of profits made in consequence of the adoption of the said resolution for the 3 calendar months ending on the 30th June, 1883, and again for the 3 calendar months ending on the 30th September, 1883, and for 3 calendar months for these periods, after being approved of by the Shareholders, in ordinary meeting, shall be made and the same shall be paid to the said old or present shares. The dividend

for the three calendar months ending on the 31st December, 1893, shall, after being ascertained and approved by the Directors, be paid to the Shareholders for the time being of the Company, and the amount of such dividend to be received by the Holder for the time being of each share shall be (unless the said new shares shall be) (unless the said new shares remain) fully paid up estimated, or determined, at the price prevailing at the current market price of the said new shares respectively; but upon the amount which shall be the time being of each dividend becomes payable, have been the way of call in respect of the said new shares respectively. That the dividend for the year ending on the 31st December, 1893, shall be ascertained in manner provided by the Articles of Association, be distributed amongst the Holders for the time being of each share (whether or not the said new Shares) for the time being of the said new shares in proportion to the number of such shares held by them, and the amount of each last mentioned dividends to be received by the Holders for the time being of the said new shares shall be (unless

fully paid up) estimated, not upon the price of the issue, nor upon the current market price of the said stock and shares respectively, but upon the amount which at any one time that such last mentioned dividends shall become payable have been paid by way of one in respect of the said new shares respectively.

That the fees of one dollar each mentioned in Regulations Nos. 11, 12, and 30 of the said Articles of Association shall continue to be payable and that the said regulations shall be read as though no mention were therein made of the payment of any fees for the said regulations in connection with the payment of a fee of half a dollar in respect of every transfer or transmission of Shares in the Company and shall be construed from the said Articles of Association.

LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1883. [897

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE

SHAREHOLDERS are notified that on presentation of their Share Certificates at the Head Office of this Company New Scrips will be issued in exchange, in accordance with the recent Resolution subdividing each old share into four new ones.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1883. [880]

MAIL EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The O. & O. steamer *Arctic*, with the next mail, will leave Yokohama on the 3rd inst., and be expected here on or about the 28th inst.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.
The steamer *Nelson* left Sydney on the 3rd inst., and is homely expected.
The steamer *Bentley* left Singapore on the 1st inst., is expected here on or about the 27th inst.
The O. B. S. Company's steamer *Arctic* left Yokohama on the afternoon of the 2nd inst., and is here on the 9th inst.
The N. I. S. N. Company's steamer *Compte* leaves Batavia on the 1st inst., and is due here on the 11th inst.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

The authorized list of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published on the 7th inst. at 3.50 p.m., which is always forwarded to a much later hour than that given above.

A MAIL WILL CLOSURE
For Straits Settlements.—*Per Vortigera*, to leave on the 7th inst. at 3.50 p.m.
For Shanghai.—*Per Ingobara*, to-day, the 1st inst., at 3.30 p.m.
For Straits Settlements.—*Per Pociola*, to leave on the 9th inst. at 3.30 p.m.
For London and Australia.—*Per Taites*, on Friday, the 11th inst., at 3.30 p.m.
For Nagasaki and Yokohama.—*Per Kwitar*, Saturday, the 13th inst., at 11.30 a.m.

HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAILS.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
The following hours are observed in closing mails, &c., by the British contract Packet:—
Day of Departure.
10 p.m.—Money Order Office closes.
10 p.m.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and publications ceases.
10 p.m.—Mails close, and no letters admitted.
10 p.m.—Letters may be posted with late fee of 10 cents until
10 p.m.—when the Post Office closes entirely.
10 p.m.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with late fee of 10 cents, until time of departure.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
Day before departure.
10 p.m.—Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours.
Day of Departure.
A.M., Post Office opens.
A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and publications ceases.
A.M., Mail closes, except for Letters.
A.M.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until
4.30 A.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.
4.30 A.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 10 Cents until time of departure.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.
The British Contract Packet "THE PRINCE OF WALES" will be despatched on THURSDAY the 10th inst. with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Brazil; by the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Suez, Malta, and Gibraltar.
N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australasian Colonies.
The usual hours will be observed in closing in Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French Contract Packet "DIEPPE" will be despatched on THURSDAY the 10th inst. with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Suez, Malta, and Gibraltar.
The usual hours will be observed in closing in Mails, &c.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' LETTERS.
1.—Privates in A.M. Army or Navy. Non-Commissioned Officers. Bandmasters Army and Navy. Non-Commissioned Officers or First Sergeants. Writers or Schoolmasters may send their letters free of postage, and may be sent by mail at the rate of four cents (two pence) each, which may be prepaid either in Imperial or in Hongkong Stamps. By private concern the postage is 2 cents (one penny), which is also allowed in the rate of postage. Soldiers' and Sailors' letters sent elsewhere.
2.—The same privileges apply to letters addressed to the Privates and Non-Commissioned Officers named above.
3.—Private Steamers leave Hongkong for London about every ten days.
4.—The letters must not exceed half an ounce, to handkerchiefs, jewellery, &c., can be sent.
5.—If from a Soldier or Sailor his class and description must be stated in full on the letter, he must also be signed by the Commanding Officer, with name of regiment, ship, &c.
6.—If from a Soldier or Sailor his class and description, with name of regiment, ship, &c., must be stated in full.
7.—Soldiers and Sailors have no privileges with regard to books or papers, nor can these be sent by the British Contract Packet.
8.—Not Warrent Officers, viz., Conductors, Guards, Bookkeepers, or Quartermasters.

Boxes of letters are sometimes received at the Post Office not sealed, that is to say, the box is unsealed with sealing wax, but there is no indication of seal.
The names of bookholders is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with a name recognizable seal, and of sending a check-book or receipt with them. The omission of these precautions may lead to a doubt as to whether the contents of the box ever reached the Post Office; the omission of the former, as to whether part of them might not have been abstracted for the sake of the postage stamps.
The Commanding Officer may be accepted for the Post Office for erroneous replies to former enquiries. To make addressed to bookholders officers. This should be left to sell stamps should especially be mentioned as to be sent to the Post Office for the sale of stamps.
The Postal Guide alone is the standard on all points on which such information may be required.

TEA MUSTERS.
Persons who send Musters of Tea through the Post in Tins are requested to have them marked with a square instead of round, as it is impossible to pack round tins securely in the mail.
The Musters should be sent in a box, and should be packed in a tin which are not so liable to a round one to be injured in.
4 by 3 by 11 inches is suggested as a good size.
The tins should not have sharp corners.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.
Neither the CAPTAINS, the AGENTS, nor the SHIPWRIGHTS, will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by the Officers or the Crews of the following Vessels during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—
ALBERTHURST, Brit. str., G. L. Caletto.—Arnhold & Co.
AMSTERDAM, Brit. str., Hill.—Cantale.
BERGATA, Brit. str., Darling.—D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
BRUSSELDAR, Brit. str., Rawlin.—Sooz Shing.
TYPHOON, Brit. schooner, Johnson.—Cantale.
F. ALKON, Am. str., Carey.—Simmons & Co.
HORNBOCK, Brit. 3-m. sch., Quayle.—Simmons & Co.
HORNBOCK, Am. bark, Houghton.—Ed. Schallhorn & Co.
JOSEPHINE, Dan. bark, Mapley.—Wieler & Co.
LUNTON LUNTON, Brit. barkentine, Nelson.—Ed. Schallhorn & Co.
MAGNET, Ger. bark, H. Island.—Captain.
MAGNET, Am. ship, Pann.—Chineses.
THE CHONG KAO, Brit. str., Otter.—Captain.
THE CHONG KAO, Am. ship, Otter.—Chineses.
THE CHONG KAO, Am. ship, Miller.—Chineses.
THE CHONG KAO, Am. ship, J. H. Boynton.—Melchers & Co.
TYPHOON, Brit. str., W. H. Gould.—Simmons & Co.
YOUNG LUNTON, Am. ship, Talpay.—Russell & Co.
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